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Applicant: OLSEN ET AL.)
Filed: August 22, 2003)
For: BREATHING ASSISTANCE)
APPARATUS)
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COMMUNICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Notice of Allowance dated October 3, 2005 for the
above-identified patent application.

In the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner indicated that Certified Copies of New Zealand
priority applications Nos. 514184, 508218, 505154, 505155, 509039, 508433, 505156 and
508219 were not received.

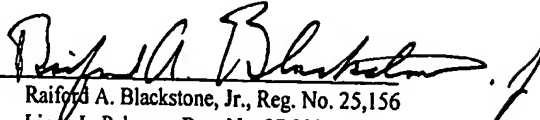
The certified copy of New Zealand Priority Application No. 514184 was previously
submitted, copy enclosed, and acknowledged by the Examiner in connection with the parent
application, United States patent application Serial No. 10/072,271. The certified copies of New
Zealand priority application Nos. 508218, 505154, 505155, 509039, 508433, 505156 and 508219
were previously submitted, copy enclosed, and acknowledged by the Examiner in connection
with the grandparent application, United States patent application Serial No. 09/881,633.
Therefore, Applicant submits that the priority claim has been completed. Acknowledgment of
the completion the priority claim is requested at the present time.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Communication, the Examiner is invited to contact one of the undersigned attorneys at (312) 704-1890.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: Nov. 7, 2006

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**TRANSMITTAL OF CERTIFIED COPY
REGARDING CONVENTION CLAIM UNDER 35 U.S.C. §119**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In completion of Applicant's claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 for United

States Patent application, please find enclosed true copies of the New Zealand Provisional

Specifications with an application for Letters Patent numbers:

1. 508218 as filed on 16 November 2000
2. 505154 as filed on 14 June 2000
3. 505155 as filed on 14 June 2000
4. 509039 as filed on 20 December 2000
5. 508433 as filed on 27 November 2000
6. 505156 as filed on 14 June 2000
7. 508219 as filed on 16 November 2000

It is believed that this completes Applicant's claim for priority and acknowledgment of receipt of this priority document is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In completion of Applicant's claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 for United States Patent application, please find enclosed a true copy of the Provisional Specification as filed on 13 September 2001 with an application for Letters Patent number 514184.

It is believed that this completes Applicant's claim for priority and acknowledgment of receipt of this priority document is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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